

# **Summary**

Loose one's footing: possibilities of counseling of transformation identity of apostates from Faith Movement (Word of Life).

The aim of this work is to introduce the issue of apostates from the Faith Movement, particularly from the church Word of Life. The theoretic presentation of the problem of apostasy from the New Religious Movement based on the theory of social construction of reality and on the personal experience of the author is followed by the presentation of the model of apostasy process. The transitional role of apostate, who finds himself in an uneasy situation between two worlds – the one that is being leaved and the one that is newly accepted - represents a base for further understanding to the process of the transformation of the apostate's identity. The second part of the work comprises the analysis of the concrete problems of the apostates, based on the research, that tries to suggest some of the possible ways of support focused on this target group.

## **Keywords**

New Religious Movement, Faith Movement, apostasy, defection, defector, faith development, leaving care, change of identity, group identity, resocialization